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Children's Bilingual Picture Books

Activity Guide #2

The Solomon Raven Series / La serie del cuervo Salomón

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Based on books in the seasonal series including:
A Home for Pearl Squirrel: A Solomon Raven Story /
Una casa para la ardilla Perla: Un cuento del cuervo Salomón

Lewis Cardinal's First Winter: A Solomon Raven Story /
El primer invierno de Luis, el cardenal: Un cuento del cuervo Salomón

Cinnamon & the April Shower— A Solomon Raven Story
Canela y el aguacero de abril—Un cuento del cuervo Salomón

Mason Moves Away: A Solomon Raven Story
Mason se muda: Un cuento del cuervo Salomón

Subjects
Science
Geography
Language Arts

Brief Description
Writing an extension story to the *Solomon Raven Stories / Cuentos del cuervo Salomón* will encourage creativity and language skills. The setting of the Northwoods provides opportunities for map work/geography lessons plus animal identification. Solar system artwork incorporates science.

Objectives

- Improve writing skills and the ability to think creatively
- Learn to identify animal species and locate animal habitats

Key Words
Seasons, Northwoods animals and their habitat, writing skills, solar system art project, coloring pages

Grade Level(s)
K-4

Materials Needed
Map and/or globe
Writing materials
Arts and crafts supplies to make model of Earth and Sun (Styrofoam balls, construction paper, string and metal wire or hanger for mobile)
Flashlight

Activities
- Have children write a paragraph or an essay about their favorite season. Have them describe their favorite activities during that season using aspects of the particular season (such as snow in winter, hot days in summer, etc.) as a basis for their activity. *[Example—Winter is my favorite season. The snow gets deep. We build snow forts and snowmen. It is very cold in winter. The ice in our pond freezes. We ice skate on the frozen pond.]*
- Make a mobile of the Solar System using graduated sizes of colored Styrofoam balls. Attach balls to strings and hang from a wire circle. Attach wire circle with more string to both ends of a wire clothes hanger. Hang mobile from ceiling hook to achieve a spinning effect.
- Hold a flashlight above a globe. Pretend your flashlight is the Sun. Slowly move and spin the globe around the flashlight. Shine the flashlight on your globe as it spins. The part of the Earth that is getting the most light will be having summertime.

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